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- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-188918, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 4 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to PCT/JP2004/015516. Copies of the International Search Report (in Japanese and English) have been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-118552, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-336176, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-185528, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2004-104175, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2004-153312, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

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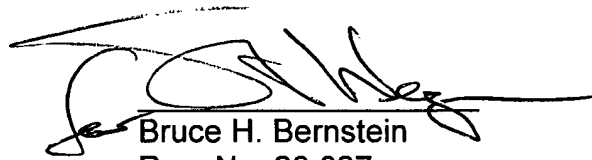
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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